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Mr. Mark Alexander
Office of Environmental Planning
Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT

Subject: Comments on Improvements to the Runway Safety Area at Igor I. Sikorsky Airport,
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Alexander,

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the previously completed archaeological investigation undertaken by URS for the referenced project. Based on that investigation and the supplementary information provided by your office regarding the revised wetland mitigations plans, SHPO concurs that the Area of Potential Effects has been substantially disturbed and additional archaeological investigations are unlikely to identify intact and significant archaeological resources. Prior disturbance of the artifact bearing sediments within the site area has severely compromised the ability of the Sniffens Field Site, located within the Area of Potential Effects, to yield information important to our understanding of Native Americans. SHPO reiterates our previous opinion that this site is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We further concur with the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration that no historic properties will be affected by the project, as currently designed. SHPO believes that no further consideration of historic properties is warranted with respect to this project.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 256-2761 or Daniel.Forrest@CT.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Forrest
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